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SUBJ: TREATMENT OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS

1. JAIME SARAIVA, CHIEF OF PRESS RELATIONS AT THE PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS, ADVISED EMBOFFS MARCH 17 THAT, ACCORDING TO MINISTER JESUINO'S POLICY DIRECTION, PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IS TO BE GIVEN TO JOURNALISTS FROM SOVIET AND EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES WHO REQUEST INTERVIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY OF THE MINISTRIES OR POLITICAL PARTIES.

2. PINPOINTING SPECIFIC EXAMPLES, MR. SARAIVA SAID THAT OFTEN WESTERN JOURNALISTS ARE EITHER REFUSED INTERVIEWS OR MADE TO WAIT A LONG TIME BEFORE ONE IS GRANTED.

3. REFERRING TO MASS COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JORGE CORREIA JESUINO AS A COMMUNIST, SARAIVA POINTED OUT THAT JESUINO HAD A HALF-HOUR VISIT WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR BEFORE HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. SARAIVA'S REMARKS CONFIRM RECENT EXPERIENCE OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS, SOME OF WHOM RECENTLY REPORTED TO EMBOFF THAT THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY TRANSMITTING THEIR STORIES THROUGH HOTEL TIVOLI TELEX BECAUSE HOTEL WORKERS SAY THE "DO NOT AGREE WITH JOURNALISTS" PRESENTATION OF FACTS."

5. IN A SEPARATE BUT RELATED DEVELOPMENT, RADIO CLUBE PORTUGUES (RCP) ANNOUNCED MARCH 14, 12:30 P.M. SPOT NEWS THAT  
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GOP WARNS THOSE IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS TO EXERCISE EXTREME

CAUTION IN COMMENTING ON NATIONAL EVENTS.  
RCP SAID IT WAS DIRECTING ITS APPEAL TO ALL THOSE WHO  
HAVE ACCESS TO MEDIA.  
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